



Galway Regatta Committee

(GALWAY ROWING CLUB)

WOODQUAY, GALWAY



Galway Regatta Safety Statement 2022

Statement The regatta committee is committed to running Galway Regatta in a safe manner. Competitors, support staff and spectators are asked to comply with the instructions of the regatta marshals who will be wearing hi-vis vests.

Responsibility It is the responsibility of each participating club to ensure the safety of their members while participating. Clubs should also ensure that their competing athletes can swim and are competent to participate in the grade for which they are entered. Clubs are also asked to ensure that their members are appropriately dressed for the weather conditions on the day and coxes must wear an appropriate life jacket/buoyancy aid. The regatta committee recommends that younger junior crews be drilled in attaching to stake boats as this has proved problematic in the past.

Clubs must ensure that their equipment complies with RI safety regulations especially in regard to bow balls and heel restraints. Boats will be checked by regatta marshals prior to accessing the slipping area and will be turned back if issues are identified. Races will not be postponed or rescheduled to accommodate crews which fail a boat inspection.

Hazards Hazards on the river which include rocky areas immediately above Menlo Castle and on the Menlo side of the boat circulation area upstream of the start have been marked with buoys. These areas are indicated on the attached map of the regatta course and enclosure.

Clubs should be mindful of occasional angling boats which may pass through the Menlo straight during the regatta as well as the Corrib Princess tour boat which will pass through the course and boat holding area several times over the duration of the regatta. Races will be stopped at these times to ensure crew safety and facilitate safe passage of these boats. During these times crews should comply strictly with directions from the marshals in the safety launches and regatta umpires.

Crews capsizing or otherwise in difficulty should remain with their boat until rescued. In addition to the umpire launches there will be 2 safety launches in position to assist if required.

Boat Launching Area Crews launching and returning after races should comply with the directions of the slip marshals and not delay in the slipping area.

Clubs should ensure that oars are carefully placed on the hill adjacent to the slip in advance of launching and do not present a trip hazard to crews and others using the slip. Access to the slipping area will be restricted to competing crews. When not required oars should be removed from the slipping area.

Launching & Returning to Slip following Races Crews should launch with their bows facing up river (towards the start) and proceed upriver close to the Dangan bank to boat holding area 1 and await direction from the marshal in the safety launch as to when it is safe to cross the course to the boat holding area upstream of the start. Both areas are identified on the map of the regatta course and enclosure. Crews must also comply with directions from the safety launch above the start and proceed to the start when asked.

On finishing their race crews should move a short distance downstream of the finish, turn and proceed upstream to the slip staying close to the Dangan bank and ensuring that they keep well off the course.

Access to Enclosure Vehicular access to the regatta enclosure will be restricted to trailers and catering vehicles. All other vehicles must park in the car park and occupants proceed on foot to the enclosure. This will be strictly enforced.

Incident Reporting Any incidents or safety issues should be reported to the Regatta Secretary. All such incidents will be investigated, where necessary, in order to identify hazards to be managed in future regattas. All regatta officials have been instructed to report all incidents to the Regatta Secretary

First Aid and Medical Services First aid personnel will be on duty at the regatta enclosure for the duration of the regatta.

Emergency contact numbers:

Emergency services: 999 or 112

Mill Street Garda Station: 091 538000

University Hospital Galway: 091 524222